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P/W Activities Report - 16 March through 15 April 1954

REF: SGAA-9026, dated 19 March 1954

Headquarters Action Required

Report on status of HTGRUBBY and OBTUSE projects.

Status report on cloth mailing campaign.

1. Program Content

Some of the subjects stressed during this period included the theme of the growing power of the Free World as exemplified by the continuing progress of NATO and the fear expressed by the Soviet of this growing power by asking to participate in NATO, EDC progress, and the H-bomb tests. The purging or demotion of Communist leaders such as Cervenkov, Peter Gabor; etc, was also given prominent treatment as well as the defection of Communist diplomats and soldiers to the West. Among the internal topics emphasized were the complete farce of the Albanian Communist elections, and the trial of APPLE team members in Tirana. The HTGRUBBY character assassination feature continued with the expose of Bexhet Mema candidate for the people's council in Gjinokaster and two messages to "fighters for freedom" were also transmitted during this period.

2. HTGRUBBY Transmission

HTGRUBBY continues to transmit four programs daily over two different frequencies simultaneously as well as two or three repetitions after each regular broadcast. However, a new program is prepared on alternate days only.

3. Reception and Effect of HTGRUBBY Within Albania

Recent monitoring reports from Bari and a report from [ ] indicate a marked improvement in <sup>daytime</sup> reception of HTGRUBBY. The approach of the summer season, ~~improvement in jammer evasion techniques, and an actual decrease~~

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~~to James activity, and all~~ responsible for this improvement. There has been no new information concerning the effect of HTOGRUBBY on the populace in Albania, but it was noted that during the APPLE trial HTOGRUBBY was given considerable publicity.

#### 4. Leaflet article and OBKEEK activities

The trial leaflet (200,000) was completed at the base print shop and also dropped during this period. The April OBKEEK was prepared [ ] during this period and is now being printed. Completion of the printing is expected O/A 22 April and the drop date will be as soon as possible after the end of this period so that no conflict with VALUABLE plans will occur. Several hundred copies of a NCPA gift leaflet are also being prepared to be attached to bags containing woolen <sup>socks</sup> and a scarf to be dropped in the Pukes area which was hard hit by snow storms. The HTOGRUBBY staff has also started writing articles for the May OBKEEK. For details on drops see current OPTUSE report and related correspondence.

#### 5. Personnel

[ ] returned from the United States on 29 March and reassumed responsibility for OBOPUS P/W activities taking over from [ ] whose TDY assignment [ ] terminated 21 March. [ ] was terminated as of 16 April and departed for the United States on 18 April. His loss is particularly felt by the HTOGRUBBY staff since considering his writing and translation abilities, as well as his loyalty to his employers, he was perhaps the outstanding member of HTOGRUBBY. He was also the only remaining HTOGRUBBY member who knew English well enough to translate articles from English to Albanian and vice versa without any help. KWANQUANA has asked for sick leave for a series of operations and treatments for ailments ranging from tonsillitis to angina pectoris. This will leave only one Albanian staff member on HTOGRUBBY, AIPOET who fortunately is a very conscientious and capable writer even though he is handicapped by comparative inexperience and a background of present day conditions and Communist personalities in Albania. Because of personnel shortages, it is feared that the radio programs will be cut down even more, and only Albanian scripts sent to Headquarters in the near future until more personnel can be added on to the P/W staff, since in addition to his duties of writing and editing on HTOGRUBBY, [ ] has had to deal with HTHATCH and Lavrion activities as well as writing, proofreading and aiding in the printing of leaflets. Fortunately valuable assistance has been received from [ ] who is handling some of the administrative details connected with HTOGRUBBY and by [ ] who contributed the article on refugees in the April OBKEEK.

The personnel problem is becoming particularly acute since although several candidates have been cleared for this purpose, there have only been two so far Fearing and AICADE who are really qualified and capable (with a limited

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staff HTOURUBBY cannot afford any deadwood). The Greeks have refused to admit the former on the charge that he is anti-Greek, and they have stalled off AICADE some months ago by claiming they are still investigating him when we requested a visa for him. It is hoped that some of the capable writers now working for QKPALING will be able to be transferred to HTOURUBBY in the near future if renewed efforts to secure the services of AICADE fail. In addition [ ] is anxious to learn of the status of the HTOURUBBY and OBTUSE projects which he learned at Headquarters had been prepared by [ ] Having the HTOURUBBY and OBTUSE projects completed and approved after field review would be most helpful to OBOPUS, for knowing our T/O establishment for indigenous personnel would permit us to know where we are going on recruitment and would be helpful in planning actual and contemplated step up and improvement of P/W activities including greater expenditure of [ ] time on P.W interrogations. Your attention to this matter is requested.

6. Miscellaneous

Thought is being given to messages to be written with secret ink on cloth sent to Albanian Communists. Field awaits word from Headquarters concerning the final tests on the cloth given by [ ] to [ ] as well as Headquarters' opinions as to the practicality and ability to mail the cloth into Albania.

As has been reported previously we are considering extending and interrupting the Tirana short wave broadcasts by our own transmission. The matter remains under investigation. A full report will be submitted on this project in the near future.

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